



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Violet Varona-Lukens, Executive Officer-
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

At its meeting held August 26, 2003, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

"Early on the morning of Friday, August 22, 2003, apparent arson fires destroyed or damaged dozens of sport utility vehicles (SUVs) and a warehouse at Clippinger Chevrolet in West Covina, which had been vandalized by anti-pollution graffiti. Temple City Sheriff's Station personnel responded to reported vandalisms at Duarte Mitsubishi and Advantage Ford, in Duarte. Similar slogans were also found spray-painted on SUVs at two other dealerships in the neighboring cities of Arcadia and Monrovia.

"The press office of the radical Earth Liberation Front issued an unsigned e-mail calling the incidents "ELF actions" and also claimed responsibility 3 weeks ago for burning down a San Diego apartment construction site, resulting in \$50 million in damages.

"The FBI is investigating the dealership fire as domestic terrorism and is seeking assistance from anyone who may have information that could aid this investigation."

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Burke, unanimously carried, the Board established a \$10,000 reward for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the arson fire at Clippinger Chevrolet in West Covina, and the damage to dozens of sport utility vehicles in the San Gabriel Valley, during the early morning hours of Friday, August 22, 2003.

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In addition, Supervisor Antonovich requested that each Board member contribute additional funds to increase the reward amount.

Later in the meeting Supervisors Knabe and Burke agreed to contribute \$10,000 and \$5,000, respectively, towards the reward fund for a total reward amount of \$25,000.

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Copies distributed:

- Each Supervisor
- District Attorney
- Sheriff
- Chief Administrative Officer
- County Counsel
- Auditor-Controller
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- West Covina Office

**NOTICE OF \$25,000.00 REWARD
OFFERED BY THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles is offering a \$25,000 reward for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the arson fire at Clippinger Chevrolet in West Covina, and the damage to dozens of sport utility vehicles in the San Gabriel Valley, during the early morning hours of Friday, August 22, 2003.

Any person having any information related to this crime is requested to call the Federal Bureau of Investigation, West Covina Office at (626) 919-3434 and refer to the Earth Liberation Front (ELF) Actions.

The terms of the reward provide that:

- The information given that leads to the determination of the identity, the apprehension and conviction of any person or persons must be given no later than November 24, 2003. All reward claims must be in writing and shall be received no later than January 23, 2004.
- The total County payment of any and all rewards shall in no event exceed \$25,000 and no claim shall be paid prior to conviction unless the Board of Supervisors makes a finding of impossibility of conviction due to the death or incapacity of the person or persons responsible for the crime or crimes.
- The County reward may be apportioned between various persons and/or paid for the conviction of various persons as the circumstances fairly dictate.

Any claims for the reward funds should be filed no later than January 23, 2004 with the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors, 500 West Temple Street, Room 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Los Angeles, California 90012, Attention: ELF Actions Reward Fund. For further information, please call (213) 974-1747.

Si no entiende esta noticia o si necesita mas informacion, favor de llamar a este numero (213) 974-1747.

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